Cambridge Friday April? 1848

My Dear Friend —

In your letter received to-day is one point which makes me reply right away — Surely I would never fail to answer at once a specific inquiry. Asa Did I. The day after yours came — inclosing the specimens of the Mex. M. I sent that — as I was writing to Holton. I answered several points in your letter in mine to him — knowing you would then see him every day. — among them I remember distinctly saying that the plant in question was a Zinnia, having all the characters of one — except the rays (yet) Chartaceous. Surely Holton must have read to you the various answers my letter contained to your queries. — Afterward, if I remember rightly, I inclosed the specimens in the very same letter — this I am not sure of, but I endorsed, in a later letter directed to yourself. I supposed you wanted the information directly for immediate use — I therefore gave it at once — Ask Holton.

Glad to hear of Fremont. He will do something now he is no longer a fighting-man. —

Lowell takes a lot of Gamblers Plants. —

I trust Hastings maps are saved, now —

Has Tuckerman sent you a bound copy of his Lichens? If not. I can give you a copy with title-page &c- in sheets- as I took (at cost) 20. copies from T. —

It is not been so very cold here. —

I believe it is contemplated that I am to marry (Deo favente) on the 4th of May; if Miss L. can get her Father properly taken care of by that time, and get her own affairs ready. But, as the house in town must be closed, and the Family, what is left of it, go the same day to Bexley for the summer, there cannot be anything of a wedding — which I like the better, as the whole, for hurried as I am now, I can hardly find time to devote more than an hour to the business.

To day I put some plants in the new cases of my new study, which, when you see them you will pronounce to be nice, I am certain. —

Good night. Love to all. Yours ever

A. Gray.